

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Carrie M. Austin  
Chairman, Committee on Budget and Government Operations

FROM: Charles L. Williams  
Acting Commissioner – Dept. of Streets and Sanitation

CC: Maria Guerra  
Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs

DATE: October 30, 2012

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Dowell, Alderman Fioretti, and Alderman Thompson asked what the 2013 plan for weed cutting will be.

DSS is working with OBM to increase the amount of funding for the weed cutting program in 2013. The program will begin in April and run until the end of October.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Hairston asked for the tons of recycling collected 2012 year-to-date by private vendors.

Attached is a report listing the tons collected by region for both private vendor and City recycling crews, so far this year.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.

**2012 Tonnages of Recyclables Collected by Region for City Crews and Private Vendors**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Region 1 Waste Mgmt</b>	<b>Region 2 City Crews</b>	<b>Region 3 Waste Mgmt</b>	<b>Region 4 City Crews</b>	<b>Region 5 SIMS Metal Mgmt</b>	<b>Region 6 Waste Mgmt</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jan	650	1,473	608	819	160	599	4,310
Feb	592	1,329	517	730	133	541	3,842
Mar	675	1,426	617	911	156	604	4,388
Apr	606	1,477	827	879	128	541	4,457
May	648	1,699	1,003	958	146	686	5,140
Jun	665	1,498	1,046	886	155	612	4,862
Jul	669	1,532	989	932	154	663	4,940
Aug	734	1,565	1,056	1,000	132	661	5,148
Sep	621	1,448	958	819	139	534	4,519
Oct	670	1,629	1,067	921	122	584	4,992
Nov							
Dec							
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,530</b>	<b>15,076</b>	<b>8,688</b>	<b>8,855</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>6,025</b>	<b>46,599</b>

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Pope asked for a schedule of the 2013 recycling expansion.

At this time a specific schedule is unavailable. DSS is working with OBM and contracted vendors to develop a rollout strategy and acquire blue recycling bins. DSS expects to have a draft plan after the first of the year and will brief the aldermen in advance of any rollout.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Pope asked for the number of duty disability cases returned to work in 2011.

In 2011 Streets and Sanitation had 318 duty disability cases return to work.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Dowell asked for the fall schedule of S.W.A.P. cleaning locations.

CDOT's boulevard mowing season ends November 15. Scheduling SWAP assignments during the fall through winter months is weather dependent. DSS will continue to monitor and clean the boulevards when necessary during the fall and winter months, weather permitting.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department’s hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Dowell asked for the number of hand laborers in the department of Streets and Sanitation.

As of October 30 the department has 39 hand laborers.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Thomas asked for information regarding the re-deployment of laborers and drivers as a result of the implementation of grid based refuse collection.

Laborers and drivers impacted by the implementation of grid based refuse collection have been re-deployed to various programs and services throughout the department, including street sweeping, forestry operations, graffiti removal, rodent baiting, cart delivery, neighborhood commercial strip waste basket collection, vacant lot cleaning, preparing plows for winter snow operations, etc. With the continued implementation of grid based refuse in 2013, additional laborers and drivers will also be redeployed to expand blue cart recycling citywide.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Thomas asked for a list of DSS contractors, including the ethnic / gender status of each and the purpose of the contract.

Attached is a report detailing the information for all of Streets and Sanitation's vendors.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Tunney asked for the number of trees planted in the city over the past three years.

Year	Trees Planted
2010	4,372
2011	1,514
2012	1,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,916</b>

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Tunney asked for the amount of money spent on tree planting in the past three years.

Year	Funding
2010	\$ 1,995,876
2011	\$ 529,935
2012	\$ 553,661
	<b>\$ 3,079,472</b>

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Tunney asked for the sanitation cost for major parades city-wide in 2011.

EVENT NAME	LABOR	EQUIPMENT	MATERIALS / SUPPLIES	TOTAL
GAY + LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE	\$ 52,656.69	\$ 11,964.50	\$ 4,426.50	\$ 69,047.69
MAG MILE LIGHTS FESTIVAL	\$ 35,240.58	\$ 10,825.00	\$ 9,707.00	\$ 55,772.58
BUD BILIKEN PARADE	\$ 38,775.49	\$ 6,358.00	\$ 4,747.00	\$ 49,880.49
THANKSGIVING PARADE	\$ 17,915.76	\$ 6,453.50	\$ 2,069.00	\$ 26,438.26
ST. PATRICK'S PARADE	\$ 12,852.90	\$ 3,304.75	\$ 8,584.00	\$ 24,741.65
COLUMBUS DAY	\$ 16,871.49	\$ 1,487.00	\$ 5,949.00	\$ 24,307.49
PUERTO RICAN PARADE	\$ 12,547.51	\$ 3,757.13	\$ 5,644.00	\$ 21,948.64
26TH ST MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE PARADE	\$ 13,260.17	\$ 4,123.00	\$ 2,456.00	\$ 19,839.17
DWNTWN MEXICAN INDPENDENCE PARADE	\$ 10,303.35	\$ 3,912.25	\$ 5,529.00	\$ 19,744.60
POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE	\$ 9,759.01	\$ 3,537.00	\$ 5,534.00	\$ 18,830.01
ASSYRIAN PARADE	\$ 10,864.36	\$ 3,745.50	\$ 3,756.00	\$ 18,365.86
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	\$ 10,813.36	\$ 4,258.00	\$ 3,197.00	\$ 18,268.36

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The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Smith asked for a report on city-supported composting opportunities.

At this time the city does not fund any composting programs.

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The information below is in response to questions posed at our department’s hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Smith asked what the department does in regards to recycling collection.

The department of Streets and Sanitation conducts no enforcement of multi-unit building private vendors for recycling. The City receives reports regarding the aggregate tonnage collected by the individual waste haulers. The data cannot be broken down by buildings.

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The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Smith asked for the duty disability costs for Streets and Sanitation.

For 2011 the department of Streets and Sanitation experienced \$10,119,887 in duty disability costs. For 2012 the department's costs through Sept 30 are \$6,766,333. These are costs associated with time lost due to injury on duty and not costs for medical treatments. Please note these costs are paid by the Committee on Finance, not the department.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Silverstein asked for a schedule of the 2013 recycling expansion.

At this time a specific schedule is unavailable. DSS is working with OBM and contracted vendors to develop a rollout strategy and acquire blue recycling bins. DSS expects to have a draft plan after the first of the year and will brief the aldermen in advance of any rollout.

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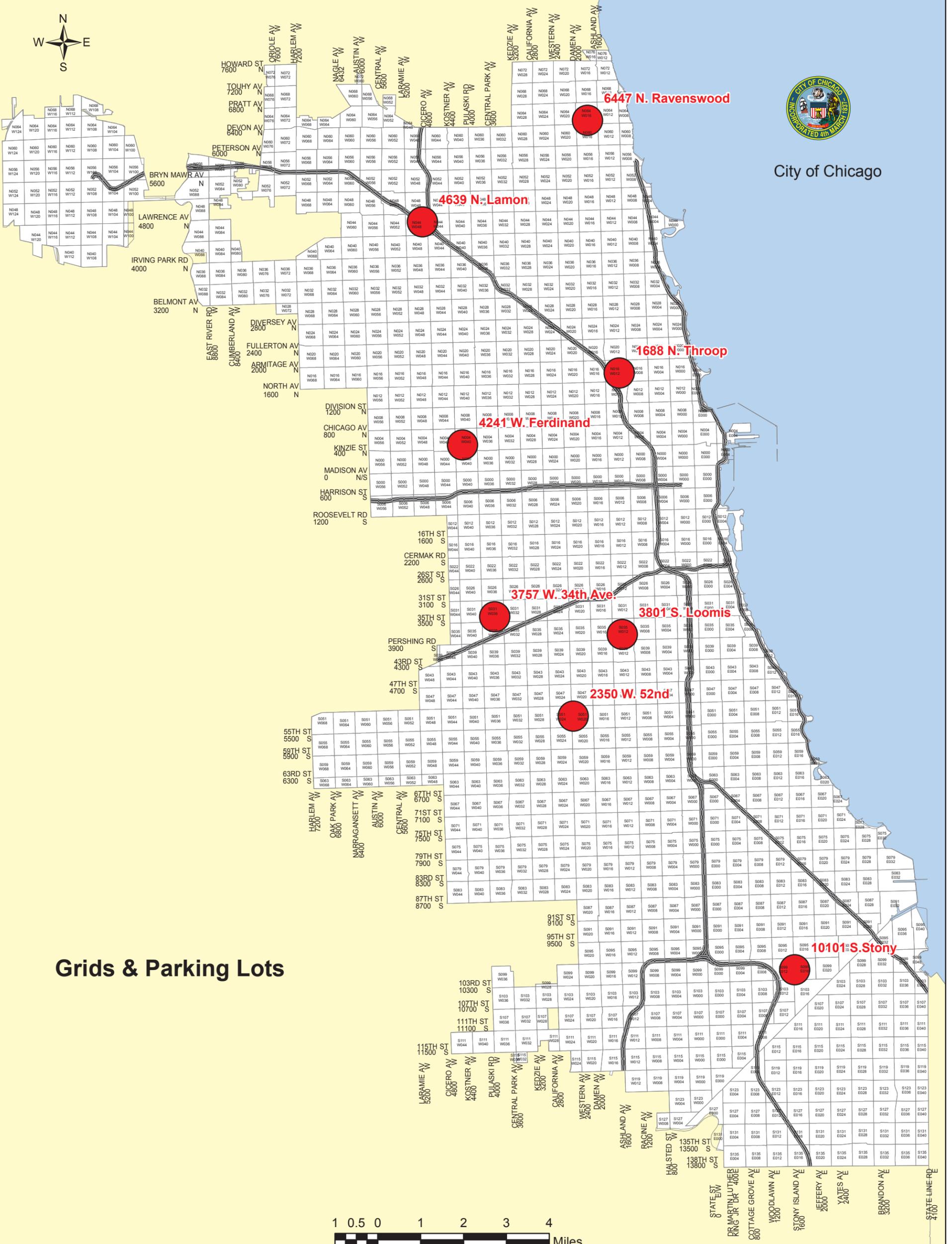
Alderman Fioretti asked for the number of grids and routes expected once the conversion to grid-based collection is complete.

The conversion is still ongoing so minor adjustments will still be necessary. At this time DSS estimates there will be 887 grids (not counting the O'Hare land area). Attached is a map for reference.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.



City of Chicago



### Grids & Parking Lots



# City of Chicago

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Fioretti asked for the average cost of planting a tree in Chicago.

The average cost to plant a tree in Chicago is \$550.00.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Arena asked for an estimated amount of refuse tonnage and the associated cost that would be reduced through the introduction of city-wide recycling.

Streets and Sanitation estimated that the 2013 waste disposal account would need to be funded at 2012 levels in case no recycling expansions were to occur. At that funding level currently 40% of residential homes receive recycling collection services. In order to estimate potential savings following a city-wide expansion of recycling the following assumptions were made:

- 1) The remaining 60% of residential homes would receive recycling collection services for an average of 60% of the year,
- 2) The recycling rate in those areas will be 15%.

Using those assumptions DSS estimates a reduction of 55,395 tons and a savings of \$2,485,000 by the end of 2013. Because actual recycling participation percentages and rollout timing is not known the Department went with last year's budget of \$41,259,993 to be safe.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Carrie M. Austin  
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**From:** Gabe Klein  
Commissioner  
Department of Transportation

**CC:** Maria Guerra  
Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs

**Date:** October 26, 2012

**Re:** Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 19, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Cochran requested review of the street patching at 48<sup>th</sup> and May. In response to the Alderman's request, CDOT is inspecting the 4800 block of South May. In particular, the Department will inspect the Alderman's concerns about flooding at this location. CDOT will update the Alderman when review is complete.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department’s hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Pope asked when the department planned to fill the new tree trimming positions.

Streets and Sanitation will work with OBM to fill the positions in the first quarter of 2013 so they will be trained and ready to work by April.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

Alderman Balcer asked for the cost of stolen or vandalized refuse carts.

In 2011 the department of Streets and Sanitation received 30,351 requests to replace stolen or damaged carts. The cost for these replacement carts was \$1,337,568.57. So far in 2012 the department has received 31,593 requests to replace stolen or damaged carts. The cost to replace those carts was \$1,461,808.11.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.